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1. ACCORDING TO ECONOMIC TIMES, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN
700 MANUFACTURING UNITS (BIG, MEDIUM AND SMALL) IN THANA-
BELAPUR BELT IN BOMBAY WILL BE DOWN BY RS.1,000 MILLION
PER MONTH AND WORKERS WILL SUFFER RS.10 MILLION IN WAGES AS
RESULT OF POWER CUT IN MAHARASHTRA EFFECTIVE MAY 1 (REFTEL).
IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT 50,000 INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WILL
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BE LAID OFF FOR VARYING PERIODS.

2. TEXTILE INDUSTRY WILL BE HARD HIT BY POWER CUT. OF
225,000 WORKERS IN COTTON TEXTILE PLANTS AS MANY AS 65,000
ARE "BADLI" OR TEMPORARY WORKERS WHO WILL BE LAID OFF.
UNLIKE PERMANENT WORKERS, THESE TEMPORARY HANDS WILL NOT
BE ENTITLED TO LAY-OFF COMPENSATION.

3. AMONG OTHER INDUSTRIES THAT WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED
BY POWER CUT ARE CONSUMER ITEMS, PACKAGING, AUTOMOBILE
ANCILLARIES, PLASTICS, CHEMICALS AND DYES. ESTIMATES OF
LOSS PRODUCTION IN THESE INDUSTRIES VARIES BETWEEN 20 AND
50 PERCENT.

4. LABOR IS ALREADY RESTIVE BECAUSE OF REDUCED EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES AND POLITICALLY-ORIENTED LABOR LEADERS
PROBABLY WILL NOT LET GO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FOMENT STRIFE
IN THE INDUSTRIAL BELTS IN BOMBAY AND POONA PASS.
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